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SUBJECT.

Prosecution in the case of an infant marriage that took place at Kamshalli, Sodballapur Taluk.

cannot be regarded as a satisfactory piece of evidence. But there is the admission of the parties according to which the girl is younger than the weberman's intimate.

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From The Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore, General and Revenue Depts.

SECTION Police

FILE No. 31—97

SERIAL No. 1

Dated 19-7-1897

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General No. 211

No. 33

Enclosures No. 2 and 1 file.

Requesting Sanction for the prosecution of the father of the boy and the father and mother of the girl concerned in the Infant Marriage at Komokalli Narasimhaswami's temple, Doddballapur Taluk on 31-10-96.

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From the admissions made by these 3 persons in their depositions before the Jamadar in Nov'r 1896 the girl appears to be 4 or 5 years old. The endeavour to procure documentary evidence (e.g. horoscope, entry in birth Reg'r) having failed, an attempt was made to fix the date of birth with reference to any event of which there was entry. A weaverman, on the 30th March 1897 says that he recollects the death of one Nagamma of the same caste as parties, & that the girl in question was then in her 3rd or 4th year, & must have been about a year old. Nagamma having died in July 1895, it is fancied the girl was born in 1889. The

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OFFICE OF THE

INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

No. 211/33. Dated Bangalore 19 July 1897 20

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FROM

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF MYSORE,
GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT

SIR,

I have the honor to forward herewith a Copy of a Memo received from the Superintendent of Police, Bangalore, reporting on the occurrence of an infant marriage at Komohalli Narasimhaswamy's temple, Doddballapur Taluk, on the 31st October 1896.

2. The Police enquiry shows that the parties are Bedars by Caste, that a girl named Gangi, aged about 7 years and daughter of one Timmakka of Kurubarahally, Gori-bidnore Taluk, was married to one Sunjiva a boy of 12 years of age and son of one Rempa of the Ujani village and that the marriage was performed by Timmakka and Rempa, the mother of the bride and father of the bridegroom. The plea of the parties that they were ignorant

ignorant of the law is untenable.

3. With regard to the age of the girl, the Superintendent reports in his Docket No. 638 of the 30th ultimo, Copy enclosed, that no register of births is kept in the village of Kanajanakoppa where the girl was born as it is a Suvvamanya village and that from enquiries made it appears that she was born in 1889 i.e. a year before the death of Bedar Najamma. The age of the girl at the time of the marriage was about 7 years, which is below the statutory limit.

4. It is further reported by the Superintendent that although the father of the girl was not present at the time of the Ceremony as alleged, yet as it is admitted by both the father and the mother that they had both given their consent to the marriage, both are liable to be prosecuted. He recommends that Kempa, the father of the boy, Sunjiva and Timmakka, the father and mother of the girl, may be prosecuted for an offence under Section 3 of Regulation X of 1894 and I beg that Sanction may be accorded to the same. The records in the case are herewith forwarded for perusal and obliging return.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

M. Venkatarao
Inspector General
of Police.

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Enc to ltr 1

From
The Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.

To
The Inspector General
of Police in Mysore.

Dated 30th June 1897.
Despatched -
Received

General No. 638
No.

Enclosure No. 1 file.

His docket No. 1882 dated 8th December 1896 requesting that the register of births of Kurubarahalli with the entry regarding the birth of the girl Ganji marked may be forwarded.

Has the honor to state that no register of births is reported to be kept in the village of Kanajanakoppa, where the above girl was born as it is a Sunna-= manya village.

2 From other enquiries instituted by the Police of the Goribidnore Taluk, the records whereof are submitted herewith, it has been ascertained that the said girl was born a year before the death

death of Bader Nagamma, which was in July 1890. as may be seen in the Register of births and deaths of Kurubar Kalli village forming a portion of the records above referred to.

3. The original records in the Case are herewith retransmitted.

Signed/ B. Ramaswami Iyer.
For Deputy Commissioner.

"Copy.

M. Narasimha Rao
Inspector General
of Police.

Memo. Encl to Ltr 1 1/6

On information received from the beat Constable Gouskhan No. 297 of Doddballapur Taluk that an infant marriage is about to be celebrated at Komohalli Narasimhaswamie temple on 31-10-96, the Duffedar of Hosahalli station of the said Taluk went thither and learning that the party had left the place after completing the marriage, he went after and found them at Ojani village. On investigation it was ascertained that a girl by name Ganji aged about 4 or 5 years the daughter of one Timmakka of Kurabarahally, Goribidnore Taluk, was married to Sunjiva a boy of 12 years old the son of one Kempa of Ojani village, all Bedars by Caste.

The age of the girl as admitted by the mother and the father-in-law is 4 or 5 years.

The fact of the marriage is established by the evidence of the Purohit who performed the Ceremony and of other persons who attended the same.

It is alleged that the girl's father was not present at the Ceremony and it was performed by the father of the boy and the mother of the girl. But as it is admitted by the father and mother of the girl that they had both given their consent to the marriage, both are in my opinion liable to prosecution together with the father of the boy.

The plea of the parents that they were ignorant of the rules on the subject is in my opinion, untenable.

Bangalore
3-12-96

Signed G. Dunning.
Superintendent of Police

"Copy"

H. Madhava Rao

Inspector General

of Police.

SECTION Police

SER 11 No. 31-97

SER 11 No. 2

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE.

READ—

Letter No. 211 dated 19th July

from the Inspector General of Police in Mysore,

reporting that on the 31st October 1896 an infant girl of about the age of 12 years

named Gangi, the daughter of one Sanjeeva,

a resident of Kirubasahalli in the

Goribidnur Taluk,

was married to one Sanjeeva a boy of 12 years'

of age and son of one Kempa, of

the Uppini village,

at Kesnahalli, Do. Ballapur Taluk.

ORDER THEREON No. 1493-94 DATED 26th July 1897

15 Enc. 1 file

Under the provisions of section 8 of Regulation X of 1894, the Government are pleased to direct the prosecution, for offences under section 3 of the Mysore Infant Marriages Prevention Regulation, of all persons who caused the marriage of the infant girl named Gangi, the daughter of one Sanjeeva with a boy named Sanjeeva, son of one Kempa and of all persons who knowingly aided and abetted the same, ~~and of the said~~ husband to wit — (1) Sanjiva — } parents of the infant girl
(2) Timmakka }
(3) Kempa — father of the bridegroom.

24-7-97

General Secretary.

23/7/97

To

The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District.
The Inspector General of Police in Mysore, returning the records.

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From

The Inspector General of Police
in Mysore.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
General and Revenue Depts.

SECTION Police

FILE No. 31-97

SERIAL No. 19

Dated 12th November 97
Despatched 15th November 97
Received 16-11-97 Camp: Chennapatna
General No. 1748
No. 190
Enclosure No.

Intimating that the case of infant marriage that took place at Kunohalli on 31/10/96 was tried by the 1st Magistrate of Bangalore & that the father of the bride & that of bridegroom were sentenced to simple imprisonment till the rising of the Court & to pay a fine of Rs 30 each. The case of the mothers of bride will be dealt with hereafter

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Refer put up
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17-11-97

OFFICE OF THE

INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

No. 1748/190 Dated Camp Bheemapura 12th/15th November 1897

Enc.

FROM

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF MYSORE,
GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT

SIR,

With reference to Government Proceedings No. 1493-94/J 15-7 of the 26th July 97 sanctioning the prosecution of the parties concerned in an infant marriage that took place at Komohalli on the 21st October 96, I have the honor to state that the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, reports that the

1 Kempa, the father of the bridegroom.
2 Sanjiva, the father of the bride.

the case was tried by the District Magistrate on the 19th October 97, and that the marginally noted accused persons were sentenced to simple imprisonment till the rising of the Court and to pay a fine of Rupees 30 each.

2. The Deputy Commissioner further reports that Thimmakka, the mother of the bride did not appear before the Court owing to the advanced stage of pregnancy and that her case will be dealt with hereafter.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,

M. Jagadeva Rao
Inspector General of Police

SECTION Police Read:
FILE N. 31-97
SERIAL NO. 22

Letter No. 1748
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dy. 12th November 1897 from
the Inspector Genl of Police
in Mysore, reporting, with
refce to Govt Ord: No. 1493-94
J157
dy 26th July 97 sanctioning
the prosecution of the
parties concerned in the
infant marriage that
took place at Komohalli
on the 31st Oct 96, ~~between~~
~~Gangi daughter of one~~
~~Sanjeeva and Sanjeeva~~
~~Son of one Kempa~~, that
the father
Sanjeeva and Kempa ~~three~~
of the bride and bridegroom respectively were
sentenced to Simple
imprisonment till the
rising of the court and to
pay a fine of Rs 30 each;
and that Thimmakka,
the mother of the bride,
~~did~~ not having appeared before the
court owing to the ad-
vanced stage of pregnan
her case would be
dealt with ~~as~~ hereafter

Order thereon No. 8846 dy 20.11.97
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Recorded. As the fathers of the bride and bridegroom have been prosecuted the prosecution of Thimmakka who is reported to be in an advanced stage of pregnancy may be withdrawn

To The I. Gl of Police
The Dy Mysore Bangalore

Secretary